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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 May 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 5, 7, 9-13, 15, 16 and 18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16 and 81 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 10 and 11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Status of the claims: Claims 1, 2, 5, 7, 9-13, 15,16, and 18 are currently pending.

Priority: This application is a 371 of PCT/JP04/19456 (12/17/2004) and claims foreign priority to JAPAN P.2003-422431 (12/19/2003) and JAPAN P.2004-101378 (03/30/2004).

RESPONSE TO APPLICANT REMARKS

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112 - Enablement

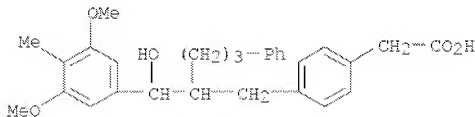
1. Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for prevention and/or treatment of the claimed disorders with the full scope of compounds encompassed by claim 1.

Applicant has narrowed the scope of claim 1 and persuasively argued how the data presented in the specification and the declarations provide a reasonable correlation between the in vitro measurements and in vivo activity. Accordingly, this rejection is **withdrawn**.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US 2006/0148830.

Example 31 teaches the following compound which anticipates the claims:



Applicant traverses this rejection by claiming that pursuant to MPEP 705.02(f)(1) the publication is not legally effective 102(e) prior art because the International Application was not published in English. The PGPUB has a 102(e) date of 4/4/2005 which is not an effective prior art date. However, the publication is an English language equivalent of the International Application WO/2004/031118 with a publication date of 4/15/2004 which is a proper 102(e) reference.

Nevertheless, this rejection is **withdrawn**.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for the compounds identified as having inhibitory effect with experimental data, does not reasonably provide enablement for the asserted utility of the entirety of the claim scope.

Applicant has narrowed the scope of claim 1 and persuasively argued how the data presented in the specification and the declarations provide a reasonable correlation between the in vitro measurements and in vivo activity. Accordingly, this rejection is **withdrawn**.

4. Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9-13, 15, 16, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for "solvates thereof." The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

Applicant has deleted the objectionable term. Therefore, the rejection is **withdrawn**.

NEW CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

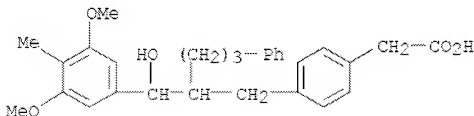
5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

6. Claims 1, 2, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by WO/2004/031118. However, the publication US 2006/0148830 is an English language equivalent of the International Application WO/2004/031118 with a publication date of 4/15/2004 which is a proper 102(a) reference.

Example 31 teaches the following compound which anticipates the claims:



7. Applicant cannot rely upon the foreign priority papers to overcome this rejection because a translation of said papers has not been made of record in accordance with 37 CFR 1.55. See MPEP § 201.15.

Claim Objections

Claims 5, 10, and 11 are objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim.

Conclusion

The claims are not in condition for allowance.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROBERT HAVLIN whose telephone number is (571)272-9066. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri., 7:30am-5pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful the examiner's supervisor, Joe McKane can be reached at (571) 272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Robert Havlin/
Examiner, Art Unit 1626